



NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION: IT BEGINS AT HOME!

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LAKELAND COLLEGE
(VERMILION CAMPUS)

SCORING AND RULES

YOU'VE REGISTERED, WHAT'S NEXT?

Preparing your team:

Each team can consist of five or six students from Grades 9-12. A team advisor (usually a teacher) is responsible for registering their team(s) and assisting with training and preparing the students. Teams are sent an EduKit filled with educational resources (e.g. ID books, print materials, field test kits, tools, etc.) related to each topic of study.

We recommend teams refer to these resources when preparing and studying for the competition, but that they also conduct their own research for helpful resources, reach out to local subject matter experts and resource professionals and take part in field trips or outdoor fieldwork. A series of workshops and presentations are offered at the Envirothon to help prepare teams.

Team advisors must accompany the students to the event and stay on-site, but cannot interact or assist their teams during testing, scenario prep time or oral presentations.

Oral Presentation Preparation:

A scenario problem relating to the current issue will be provided one month prior to the competition. Teams prepare a PowerPoint or Google Slides presentation describing how they would respond to the scenario. They are given time after the learning sessions to update their presentation and finish preparing for the oral presentation.

HOW THE COMPETITION IS SCORED

The competition scoring is based on the following components:

Testing:

1. Aquatic Ecology – 100 points
2. Forestry – 100 points
3. Soils and Land Use – 100 points
4. Wildlife – 100 points
5. Current Issue – 100 points

Oral Presentation:

6. Based on a scenario provided relating to the current issue – 200 points

Final team placements will be determined by adding the 5 station test scores to the oral presentation score. The top 3 scores out of 700 total points are awarded.

RULES

TESTING:

- Teams will rotate through 5 stations according to the provided time schedule. Teams will complete a written and field test at each station.
- Teams must stay at each designated station for the duration of the allocated time and can only move to the next station when announced.
- The completed test must be handed in at each station at the end of the allocated time, before moving on to the next station.
- EduKit resource material will be available for teams to use during the tests. No other resources or notes are allowed to be used during the exams. Notebooks provided for use during learning sessions cannot be used during testing.
- No cell phones, watches, cameras, or computers are permitted during the testing.
- Team advisors cannot interact with or assist students during the testing.

ORAL PRESENTATION:

- Team oral presentations will be a maximum 15 minutes in length, followed by five minutes of question and answer with the judges.
- All team members must participate orally during the presentation.

- Presentations must be submitted in Microsoft PowerPoint or Google Slides format and have a maximum number of 35 slides.
- A laptop is required for use during scenario prep time. A USB memory stick will be provided to save PowerPoint presentations for submission. Google Slides can be submitted by emailing a link with editor access.
- No locality/affiliation identification is permitted during presentations, whether written, verbal or visual.
- Other than index cards, no supplemental props may be used during the presentation.
- Oral presentation scores will be based upon the rubric approved by the Envirothon Board.
- The audience (advisors, teachers, guests) may only observe their own team's presentation during the first round. They must leave the presentation room after their team has presented.
- No teams are allowed to watch other presentations during the first round. Everyone will be invited to watch the final three presentations.
- There must be NO communication or coaching during presentations. Any interaction could result in dismissal, disqualification, or a penalty.
- No photography or recording devices shall be permitted, unless approved by the Envirothon Board.
- All judges' decisions are final.